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For: UNACTIVATED OOCYTES AS CYTOPLAST RECIPIENTS FOR NUCLEAR TRANSFER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

## PAYMENT OF BALANCE OF APPLICATION FILING FEE

This application is a continuation application filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) claiming the benefit of applicants' parent application Serial No. 08/803,165. Small entity status was claimed in the parent application, and a copy of a Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status from the parent application was filed with the subject continuation application papers.

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Unknown to the undersigned at the time the subject continuation application was filed, applicants and their assignee filed a notification changing their status from a small entity to a large entity on June 28, 2000, in the parent application. A copy of the notification of change in status from the parent application is attached hereto to complete the record in this continuation application.

When the subject continuation application was filed, applicants paid the filing fee for a small entity. At the time of filing the subject continuation application, however, a valid claim to small entity status did not exist in the parent application. In addition, a new verified statement claiming small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27(a) was not filed in the subject continuation application.

Payment of the filing fee for a small entity was made in good faith. The error in payment of the filing fee for a small entity was made through an oversight and without intent to deceive.

Attached is a check in the amount of \$922.00 covering the difference in the filing fee for a small entity and large entity. The balance of the fee due is being made to excuse the error as provided in 37 C.F.R. §1.28(c).

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If any additional fees are required, including a fee for late payment of the official filing fee, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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RE:

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Applicants: Kenneth CAMPBELL et al.

Our Reference: 112800-300

Dear Sir.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.28 (c), applicants respectfully request that the status of the referenced application be established as a large entity. While investigating whether the small entity status was proper, applicants discovered that small entity status may have been established in error. Specifically, certain foreign governmental agencies have rights in the invention, and it is believed that these agencies do not qualify for small entity status. Although an assignment of rights to these agencies occurred only after the filing of this application, in an abundance of caution, applicants wish to back-pay fees so that large entity fees are paid for the application from filing. Hence, the Commissioner is authorized to charge \$450 to Deposit Account No. 50-0436 as payment of the deficiency between the amount paid during prosecution of this application and the amount that would have been due for a large entity. Applicants respectfully request that any error be excused. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0436.

Respectfully submitted,

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